

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to correct minor errors in the alphabetization of the steps in the claims in accordance with the written opinion during International processing. No new matter has been added and Applicants retain the right to reintroduce any canceled subject matter at a later stage in the prosecution of this application.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Search Report which issued on International Application No. PCT/SE2004/001798, of which the present application is the U.S. national phase. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is Applicants' understanding that, under the procedures of the PCT, copies of the cited publications will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office by the International Bureau. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if additional copies are necessary or would facilitate examination of the present application.


Otherwise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed and dated copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that all publications listed thereon have been considered and made officially of record in the file of this application.

Applicants understand that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the priority document (0303249-7 filed December 2, 2003) will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is therefore respectfully requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority document is in the file of this application.

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In view of the above amendments, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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